

## **Tilghman A. Howard Papers**

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### **Biographical Note:**

Tilghman Ashurst Howard was born on November 14, 1797, near Pickensville, South Carolina. His father was John Howard, who was a Revolutionary War veteran. His mother's family name was Ashurst. She died when he was around two years old, and his half-brother, John McElroy, raised him in North Carolina. At approximately nineteen, Howard moved to Tennessee. At twenty-one, he was licensed to practice law. He served as a Tennessee state senator in 1824.

In 1830, Howard moved to Bloomington, Indiana, where he lived and practiced law for three years before settling in Rockville, Parke County, Indiana. President Andrew Jackson then appointed him District Attorney for Indiana. Howard served in this position from 1833 to 1839, when he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. He resigned his seat on July 1, 1840, to run for Governor of Indiana, but was defeated in that race. President John Tyler appointed him Chargé d'Affaires to the Republic of Texas on June 10, 1844. He remained in this post until his death on August 16, 1844, in Washington, Texas, then capital of the Republic of Texas.

#### *Source:*

*Biographical Directory of the United States Congress.* United States Congress. 27 Apr. 2006.  
<<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=H000844>>.

### **Scope and Content Note:**

The collection contains two speeches given by Howard. The first was given at Wabash College. The second was given at a meeting of the Athenian Society of Indiana University. Also included is a biographical sketch of Howard that was originally printed in the *Democratic Review*. The sketch is comprised of excerpts from a speech given by Joseph Albert Wright in Rockville, Indiana, on July 4, 1846.

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### **Item Listing:**

1842 July 19 "A Charge delivered in Crawfordsville, Indiana, July 19, 1842, on Occasion of the Inauguration of Rev. Charles White, D. D., as President of Wabash College," pamphlet  
1842 Sept. 27 "An Address delivered in the University Chapel, before the Athenian Society," pamphlet (2 copies)  
1847 Mar. "Political Portraits with Pen and Pencil. General T. A. Howard, of Indiana," from Democratic Review, Volume XX, typescript, 11 p.

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### **Collection Information:**

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